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Introduction

The information in this digest comes from the FY08 Iowa Annual Public Library Survey. It reflects the activities of 522 of the 543 public libraries in Iowa. Full details may be found at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/statistics>.

Information for the national rankings on pages 3 to 4 comes from *Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2006* by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington D.C., December 2008.
http://harvester.census.gov/imls/pubs/pls/pub_detail.asp?id=121#

National Rankings

The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) issues state-by-state rankings for public libraries. These numbers are for FY06 compiled in 2008. The rankings include all 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

(Per capita)	Iowa's Rank	Iowa Average	National Average	2005 Rank
Library visits	14	6.03	4.80	17
Reference Transactions	40	0.70	1.02	46
Circulation	10	9.74	7.28	12
Interlibrary Loans	18	102.72	149.12	23
Books Owned	11	4.28	2.80	13
Local Income	25	\$28.04	\$29.11	24
State Income	29	\$0.87	\$3.27	30
Other Income	20	\$2.76	\$3.09	25
Total Income	27	\$31.82	\$35.64	28
Collection Expenditures	17	\$4.85	\$4.37	22

National Rankings (Cont.)

(Per capita)	Iowa's Rank	Iowa Average	National Average	2005 Rank
Staff Expenditures	22	\$21.00	\$21.84	24
Total Expenditures	23	\$31.71	\$33.24	26

(Per 1000 population)				
Audios Owned	9	207.74	147.62	10
Videos Owned	8	225.23	152.07	10
Periodicals Owned	2	12.95	6.36	2

(Per 25,000 population)				
Paid FTE Librarians	3	8.08	4.00	4
Other Paid FTE Staff	39	6.50	8.16	39
Total Paid FTE Staff	17	14.58	12.16	19
Paid FTE w/ ALA/MLS	28	2.06	2.73	29

Amazing Facts about Iowa Public Libraries

- Iowa has 543 public libraries (21 branches), 79 academic libraries, and over 1,400 school libraries.
- Of 543 public libraries, 415 serve populations of less than 2,500.
- There are nearly 2 million registered borrowers in Iowa public libraries, a 22 percent increase from 1998 to 2008.
- 147,865 children participated in the FY08 Summer Library Program.
- Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie helped build thousands of libraries across the U.S. In all, Carnegie granted more than \$1.5 million for the construction of public libraries in 101 Iowa communities from 1892 to 1917.

Did You Know?

In FY08, Iowa public libraries:

- Were open to the public 966,660 hours
- Offered more than 55,000 programs including 43,000 to children across the state
- Answered nearly 1.8 million reference questions
- Had nearly 2 million registered borrowers
- Employed 3,193 staff
- Spent over \$14.3 million on collections
- Owned 13.7 million items

A Typical Day in Iowa's Public Libraries Includes:

- Welcoming 49,563 people
- Helping 11,387 people access the Internet
- Checking out 77,430 items of all types
- Adding 561 new customers
- Answering 4,925 reference questions
- Hosting 153 programs for 3,437 attendees

Collections

- During FY08, Iowa public libraries added approximately 1.2 million items to their collections. This accounted for about 8.8 percent of their existing collections.
- On average, libraries also withdrew about 8.8 percent of their collections.
- 13.7 million materials owned include:
 - 12.1 million books
 - 704,000 video recordings
 - 623,000 audio recordings
 - 231,000 other items
 - 36,400 magazine subscriptions

Staffing

Annually, Iowa public libraries spend a total of \$50.7 million for staff salaries and \$14.3 million for employee benefits.

- The average Iowa public library spends 66 percent of its budget for staff costs.
- Iowa public libraries employ 923 FTE librarians. (One Full-Time Equivalent = one 40-hour work week)
- Iowa public libraries employ 739 FTE "other" staff.
- There are 236 FTE library employees in Iowa with a Masters of Library Science (MLS) degree.
- Iowa ranks 29th in the nation of MLS librarians per 25,000 population. (2006)

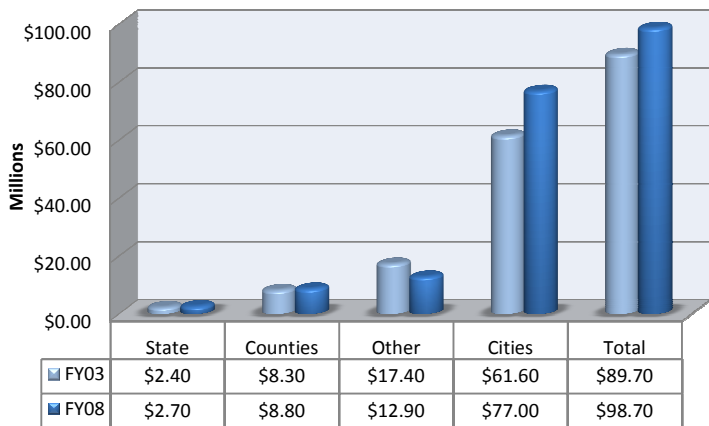
Income

Iowa public libraries reported total operating income of \$98.7 million in FY08.

- Income for public libraries includes:
 - \$77 million (78%) from cities (includes special levies)
 - \$8.8 million (8.9%) from counties
 - \$3.6 million (3.6%) from gifts and endowments
 - \$2.7 million (2.7%) from state sources
 - \$2.7 million (2.7%) from fines and fees
 - \$1.2 million (1.2%) from grants
 - \$2.7 million (2.7%) from other sources

Libraries also received \$11.6 million from capital revenue.

Library Operating Income Trends



Expenditures

Iowa public libraries reported total operating expenditures of \$98.7 million in FY08.

- Expenditures for public libraries include:
 - \$65 million (68.9%) for staff
 - \$14.3 million (14.5%) for collections
 - \$8.4 million (8.5%) for plant operation (utilities, etc.)
 - \$1.7 million (1.7%) for equipment
 - \$9.3 (9.4%) million for all other expenditures

Libraries also expended \$30 million in capital outlay.

Library Operating Expenditure Trends



Usage

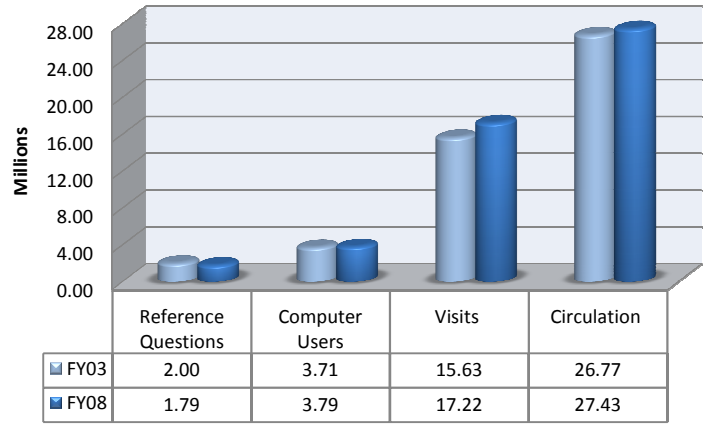
The total number of items checked out (circulated) was 28.3 million in FY08.

- Total circulation for public libraries includes:
 - 10.3 million (36.4%) adult books
 - 8.4 million (29.7%) children's books
 - 5.8 million (20.5%) video recordings
 - 2.4 million (8.5%) audio recordings
 - 0.9 million (3.2%) periodicals
 - 0.5 million (1.8%) other items

On average, in FY08, Iowa public libraries had:

- 36,844 library visits
- 7,088 people accessed the Internet
- 291 adult program attendees
- 89 young adult program attendees
- 2,015 children's program attendees
- 3,639 reference questions answered
- 792 items loaned to other libraries
- 731 items borrowed from other libraries

Library Service Trends



Iowa Public Libraries

The 543 public libraries in Iowa are divided into 8 categories based on the population of the city served.

Size Category	Population	# of Libraries
A	0-499	141
B	500-999	138
C	1,000-2,499	136
D	2,500-4,999	48
E	5,000-9,999	42
F	10,000-24,999	17
G	25,000-49,999	11
H	50,000 and above	10

Category A Libraries (0-499)

141 public libraries serve a population of 499 or less.

Category	FY08 Average
Population Served	327
Total number of staff (FTE)	.53
Total Income	\$18,899
Total for salaries	\$8,820
Registered Borrowers	367
Items Owned	7,605
Items checked out	5,227
Library Visits	3,502
Number of Internet Users	1,433
Program Attendance	315
Hours Open per Week	18.7

Category B Libraries (500-999)

138 public libraries serve a population of 500-999.

Category	FY08 Average
Population Served	744
Total number of staff (FTE)	.86
Total Income	\$36,052
Total for salaries	\$17,353
Registered Borrowers	823
Items Owned	11,533
Items checked out	12,447
Library Visits	12,432
Number of Internet Users	2,293
Program Attendance	642
Hours Open per Week	25.4

Category C Libraries (1,000-2,499)

136 public libraries serve a population of 1,000-2,499.

Category	FY08 Average
Population Served	1,559
Total number of staff (FTE)	1.71
Total Income	\$72,040
Total for salaries	\$35,737
Registered Borrowers	1,720
Items Owned	17,929
Items checked out	23,374
Library Visits	14,978
Number of Internet Users	4,767
Program Attendance	1,272
Hours Open per Week	36.5

Category D Libraries (2,500-4,999)

48 public libraries serve a population of 2,500-5000.

Category	FY08 Average
Population Served	3,469
Total number of staff (FTE)	3.40
Total Income	\$156,278
Total for salaries	\$79,341
Registered Borrowers	4,212
Items Owned	30,539
Items checked out	55,707
Library Visits	31,187
Number of Internet Users	9,398
Program Attendance	2,676
Hours Open per Week	47.2

Category E Libraries (5,000-9,999)

42 public libraries serve a population of 5,000-9,999.

Category	FY08 Average
Population Served	6,888
Total number of staff (FTE)	6.15
Total Income	\$319,304
Total for salaries	\$165,047
Registered Borrowers	7,703
Items Owned	49,525
Items checked out	104,305
Library Visits	84,305
Number of Internet Users	17,785
Program Attendance	5,916
Hours Open per Week	54.1

Category F Libraries (10,000-24,999)

17 public libraries serve a population of 10,000-24,999.

Category	FY08 Average
Population Served	14,508
Total number of staff (FTE)	9.21
Total Income	\$594,492
Total for salaries	\$313,026
Registered Borrowers	13,339
Items Owned	75,529
Items checked out	152,161
Library Visits	94,709
Number of Internet Users	19,809
Program Attendance	8,451
Hours Open per Week	63.9

Category G Libraries (25,000-49,999)

11 public libraries serve a population of 25,000-49,999.

Category	FY08 Average
Population Served	29,975
Total number of staff (FTE)	17.90
Total Income	\$1,275,094
Total for salaries	\$662,628
Registered Borrowers	24,604
Items Owned	130,209
Items checked out	370,227
Library Visits	269,631
Number of Internet Users	39,596
Program Attendance	12,479
Hours Open per Week	76.2

Category H Libraries (50,000+)

10 public libraries serve a population of 50,000 or more.

Category Including Branches	FY08 Average
Population Served	85,542
Total number of staff (FTE)	46.58
Total Income	\$3,663,277
Total for salaries	\$1,898,632
Registered Borrowers	58,066
Items Owned	241,172
Items checked out	898,795
Library Visits	493,087
Number of Internet Users	103,272
Program Attendance	29,444
Hours Open per Week	113.6

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